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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Zimmer	Atty. Docket: 18622 US
Application No.: 09/554,793	Group No.: 1743
Filed: September 19, 2000	Examiner: Alexander, Tyle
For: Capillary Active Test Element Having an Intermediate Layer Situated Between the Support and the Covering	

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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

Sir:

***INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS***

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 31, 2006, entry of the Terminal Disclosure and consideration of the accompanying remarks is respectfully requested.